

## Reproduction Costs Presented By Roads At I. C. C. Hearing

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Preliminary reports of the Interstate Commerce commission on the cost of reproducing the country's railroads introduced before the commission today by the carriers as sustaining their property investment account figures on which they base their request for freight advances aggregating \$1,017,000,000, so as to yield the 6 per cent return allowed under the transportation act.

Thomas W. Hume, of Philadelphia, vice-chairman of the carriers' valuation committee, told the commission that government engineering reports for 50 systems with a mileage of 61,853, showed the cost of reproduction at 1914 prices, including the value of land, to be \$3,203,782,543, as compared with a property investment account of \$2,183,716,146 and carried on the books of the company.

When inventories are completed for all the roads of the country, Mr. Hume declared they would show a reproduction cost on the 1914 prices in excess of the owners' own investment statement and on that basis of present prices the total would be far in excess of this. Costs are now more than 100 per cent above those prevailing in 1914.

## Yellow Cab Suit Begun Thursday

A suit for \$25,000 damages, sought from the Yellow Cab company, opened for trial in Second circuit court Thursday. Charles J. Townley is suing the taxicab company, in his capacity of administrator of the estate of Margaret Townley, 11, who, he alleges, was run down by a Yellow cab on Dec. 11, 1919, and injured so severely that she died on the same day. The alleged accident happened on Poplar avenue, near Leath street, he alleges.

## ASK \$25,000 DAMAGES FOR ALLEGED INJURIES

Two damage suits totaling \$25,000 were filed Thursday against Charles E. Hunt and John C. Hunt, doing business as Hunt Bros. Furniture company. Mrs. Minnie Scott sued for \$20,000 and her husband, William Scott, for \$5,000, in circuit court.

Mrs. Scott alleged that she was a passenger in the Ford sedan of her son-in-law, A. L. Doss, on April 5, 1920, when the sedan was struck by Hunt Bros. Furniture company automobile at Mahanias street and Madison avenue. She alleges that she received severe injuries, and that the truck was negligently driven. Marshallott & Busby are attorneys for the Scotts.

**CLOSE CITY TROUBLES.**  
All public watering troughs in the city have been ordered closed by Mayor Payne, acting on the request of Dr. W. C. Graves, county health officer, following discovery of an outbreak of glanders in a large local livery stable. The outbreak was reported to Dr. Graves by W. B. Beatty, county livestock inspector, who reported also that he had ordered nine horses suffering from the disease killed.

**MRS. HENRY STUART DIES.**  
BRISTOL, Tenn., May 27. (Sp.)—Mrs. Henry Stuart, wife of former Gov. H. C. Stuart, of Virginia, died late Wednesday at Brookline, Mass., according to information received here. No announcement as to time and place of the funeral has been made, but it is thought that the body will be brought back to Russell county, Virginia, for burial.

**WINS \$75,000 SUIT.**  
ST. LOUIS, May 27.—What is believed to be a record in personal injury suits was established in circuit court here late yesterday, when a jury awarded James Varley a verdict of \$75,000 against the Columbia Textile company. Varley alleged he had suffered permanent spinal injury in an accident a year ago while riding in one of the company's automobiles.

## NEW COTTON FIRM WILL BUILD PLANT

Announcement has been made through the industrial section of the Chamber of Commerce that the Southland Cotton company, incorporated in Tennessee at \$100,000 by local business men, will begin building its plant, to be located in South Memphis near the Terminal corporation, at an early date.

The concern will be engaged in the cotton cleaning business, and additions to the plant, which is to cost \$50,000, will be made from time to time as business progresses.

Incorporators of the firm are Hugh Pettit, president of the Armour Cotton company; Joseph Newburger, W. H. Willey, S. M. Williamson and H. R. Boyd. It is said that the new firm will succeed the Armour Cotton company, now engaged in the same line of business.

## COMPROMISE REACHED ON 1921 NAVY BUDGET

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Next year's naval budget was fixed at about \$436,000,000, under a complete agreement on the naval appropriation bill reached today by senate and house conferees.

The original house bill carried \$428,000,000 and the senate about \$467,000,000. The conferees agreed on \$436,000,000 for naval aviation, a compromise between the \$15,800,000 voted by the house and \$25,000,000 by the senate.

In lieu of the senate appropriation of 1,000,000 to begin work on the new Pacific coast base in San Francisco bay, the conferees authorized a congressional commission of five senators and five representatives to investigate available sites on San Francisco bay and report to congress not later than December 31.

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## STEAMBOAT SERVICE TO PADUCAH SECURED

Letters announcing that steamboat service between Memphis and Paducah, Ky., has been secured through efforts of the traffic and transportation section of the Chamber of Commerce, have been sent to all firms in the city, requesting their co-operation in building up a profitable trade between these two points.

The establishment of this transportation service was the result of a conference between members of the traffic and transportation committee and Capt.

## E. D. DALE DEFENDANT IN SUIT FOR DIVORCE

A multiplicity of charges against E. D. Dale, an Illinois Central railroad man, is contained in a bill for divorce filed against him in chancery court Thursday by Mrs. Mary Clement.

She accuses Dale of cruel and inhuman treatment, desertion, failure to support. They were married Feb. 10, 1914, and separated in April, 1918, she alleges.

Mrs. Dale seeks alimony, attorney's fees and the restoration of her maiden name. She alleges Dale makes \$150 to \$180 a month. W. C. Rodgers is her attorney.

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## BANK IS FORMED.

MADRID, May 27.—An industrial bank for the development of Spanish industries has been formed by the government which will furnish 80 per cent of the capital, the remainder to be provided by more than 100 Spanish banking institutions. The object of the new bank is to grant loans for the purpose of starting construction works, mines and railroads, opening new sources of trade and preventing them from falling into the hands of foreigners.

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## LUMBER PRICES DROP.

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 27.—Lumber prices have propped from \$5 to \$15 per thousand here in the last few days, according to local dealers. However, they say the decrease has not been sufficient to affect the price of building.

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## Reduced 1/4, 1/3, 1/2 In Prices

In most cases the advantages in prices are due to the fact that sizes or styles are ends of lines or odd lots, broken assortments—in fact, merchandise that is incomplete in assortments because of being in the May merchandise drive and for other reasons, as because some are slightly soiled or mussed from handling; but there are countless numbers in this Opportunity sale that are special purchases made some time ago with the thought in mind of giving the general public bargains greater than ever before—all in all presenting saving chances tomorrow that we can, in all sincerity, say will never occur again.

We suggest that our patrons attend this sale first thing tomorrow morning, for there is no telling how soon even the most comprehensive lots that appear in this Opportunity sale will be sold out.